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SUBJECT: ZHIVKOVA VISIT

1. BULGARIAN PAPERS AND RADIO-TV CONTINUE TO REPORT WIDELY ZHIVKOVA'S VISIT TO US. ON JUNE 16, VLADIMIR LANKOV, "RABOTNICHESKO DELO" WASHINGTON CORRESPONDENT, FILED P. 1 STORY ON ZHIVKOVA'S JUNE 15 VISIT TO WHITE HOUSE. LANKOV CHARACTERIZED HER VISIT, FROM "A POLITICAL POINT OF VIEW," AS A "CENTRAL EVENT." HE SAID SHE WAS INVITED TO ATTEND A RECEPTION FOR AMERICAN CULTURAL FIGURES AT WHICH SHE CONVEYED TO PRESIDENT "GREETINGS" FROM CHAIRMAN ZHIVKOV; IN RESPONSE THE PRESIDENT THANKED HER AND REQUESTED SHE CONVEY HIS "GREETINGS AND WISHES" TO THE CHAIRMAN. ACCORDING TO LANKOV, "ZHIVKOVA EXPRESSED TO PRESIDENT CARTER GRATITUDE TO AMERICAN GOVERNMENT FOR POSSIBILITY THAT 'THRACIAN TREASURES FROM BULGARIA' EXHIBIT WAS ORGANIZED IN NEW YORK AND FOR INVITATION TO BULGARIAN CULTURAL DELEGATION TO VISIT USA." ALSO, THAT SHE "EXPRESSED HOPE THAT BULGARIAN-AMERICAN RELATIONS WILL EXPAND AND DEVELOP."

2. BULGARIAN TV COMMENTATOR TOMA TOMOV,
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ACCOMPANYING ZHIVKOVA PARTY, HAS BEEN PHONING REPORTS TO PROGRAM "PO SVETA I U NAS" (AROUND THE WORLD AND IN OUR COUNTRY), MAJOR EVENING (2000 HOURS) NEWS PROGRAM. ON JUNE 14 TOMOV, IN COVERING EXCHANGES AGREEMENT SIGNING CEREMONY, SAID THIS WAS FIRST SUCH SIGNING IN HISTORY OF USG-BULGARIAN RELATIONS, THEN QUOTED ZHIVKOVA'S AND DUFFEY'S COMMENTS (ESSENTIALLY

AS REPORTED BY "RABOTNICHESKO DELO" CORRESPONDENT LANKOV IN SOFIA'S 1296). TOMOV MENTIONED ZHIVKOVA'S EVENTS, INCLUDING TALKS WITH NANCY HANKS AND DIRECTOR REINHARDT, LUNCHEON WITH ASSISTANT SECRETARY VEST, AND PRESENTATION OF SCULPTURE TO KENNEDY CENTER. TOMOV COMMENTED: "TALKS OUR DELEGATION HAS HERE ARE CONDUCTED IN A CONSTRUCTIVE, BUSINESS-LIKE SPIRIT, ARE HELD IN AN ATMOSPHERE OF DESIRE TO DEVELOP CULTURAL, SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL RELATIONS" BETWEEN BULGARIA AND USA.

3. ON JUNE 15 TELECAST, TOMOV REPORTED THE WHITE HOUSE RECEPTION, ALONG LINES EXPRESSED IN LANKOV STORY PARA ONE. BOTH LANKOV AND TOMOV CITED HER OTHER ACTIVITIES: DISCUSSION WITH VICE PRESIDENT MONDALE, VISIT TO SPACE AND AIR MUSEUM, TALK WITH DIRECTOR COLLINS, AND VISIT TO HIRSHHORN MUSEUM AND NATIONAL GALLERY OF ART WHERE "LUNCHEON WAS GIVEN IN HONOR OF BULGARIAN CULTURAL DELEGATION TO US." HERZ

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